

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner required to elect the following:

- (a) a specific solvent;
- (b) a specific electrolyte;
- (c) a matrix, which includes formula (1) with formula (2) or a matrix, which includes formula (1), but does not include formula (2);
- (d) R^3 in formula (1) to be either a straight chain alkyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms or an alkyl benzyl group with a straight chain alkyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms;
- (e) "A" from groups recited in claim 4;
- (f) "B" from claim 11 or 12, if the matrix includes formula (2);
- (g) ratio of R^3 to "A" from those recited in claims 7-10; and
- (h) an ion conductor either with a retaining material recited in claim 20 or without a retaining material.

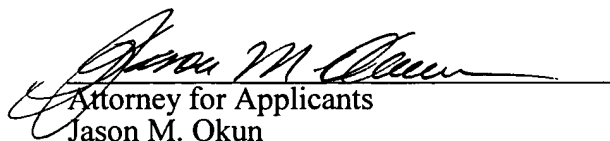
Applicants hereby make the following election, with traverse:

- (a) propylene carbonate and ethylene carbonate (see Example 1);
- (b) lithium tetrafluoroborate;
- (c) a matrix, which includes formula (1) and formula (2);
- (d) a straight chain alkyl group having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms;
- (e) $(CH_2CH_2O)_n$;
- (f) $(CH_2CH_2O)_n-Z$;
- (g) molecular weight ratio of R^3 to "A" from claim 7 and a ratio of the number of carbon atoms of R^3 to "A" from claim 9; and
- (h) an ion conductor without a retaining material.

The claims that read on the elected species include claims 1-19, 22-44 and 47-56.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


Attorney for Applicants
Jason M. Okun
Registration No. 48,512

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

v